

Memo

To: Board of Selectmen
From: William G. Keegan, Jr., Town Administrator
CC: Assistant Town Administrator
Date: October 4, 2011
Re: Town Administrator's Report for October 6, 2011

1. **JBL Bus Service**- This past week I was notified by the owner that JBL Bus Service has gone out of business. JBL provides the Town with the local bus service that is subsidized locally and through funding from the MBTA. I have contacted the MBTA and to determine what the Town's options are but they appear to be limited at this time. Joseph's Bus Service has contacted me to inform me that they are an MBTA approved carrier and can assume this service but at significantly higher price per hour (45% higher) than the previous carrier. After speaking with the MBTA, they have indicated that they will not provide any additional subsidy for this program. They will assist the Town in going out to bid to seek a replacement for the service. If the service continues to come in at a higher rate than what is currently budgeted, the options that are shaping up are to find and additional appropriation, limit service hours to fall in line with the existing appropriation, or discontinue the service all together. I have asked and received rider data to determine if a change in service is needed, what time of day would be impacted the least. In speaking with the MBTA, they have informed me that this is often the option that is selected when something like this happens. As soon as we know more, I will certainly provide you with an update on the status of this service.
2. **Avery Reuse Committee**-The Committee's meeting scheduled for Tuesday has been postponed and rescheduled for Tuesday, October 11. As promised to the Chairman, labels were printed and are available or distributing notices to Town Meeting Members. Obviously time is of essence in getting the Committee's work completed so that the next steps can be taken toward addressing the future of this property. If anyone has ideas as to how this property should be addressed into the future, they should plan to attend the meeting on October 11 at the Avery School.
3. **Update Regarding the ESCO Project**- I will be requesting time on the Board's next agenda so that I along with the Project Committee and Seimen's Corporation can provide the Board and the Community with an update on the status of this project.

4. Mitigation Committee requests are now being made for the next round of funding.
Applications are due in the Office by the end of October (October 28th to be exact).